MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether there was any demand from the people of the locality for the establishment of a Section Office at Vennikulam?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*). Some people asked for a special Section Office there.

Toll-gate on the Edappalli-Alwaye Road.

396. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a sub-toll-gate was newly opened (from the beginning of this year) between the 6th and 7th milestones of Edappalli-Alwaye road at the junction to Thrikkakara besides the toll-gate on the 8th milestone near the customs house at Edappalli;

(*b*) whether it was not with the intention to tax the vehicles coming from Cochin that a toll-gate was established at Edappalli near the Frontier Customs House; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for opening the sub-gate between the 6th and 7th milestones?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) With a view to prevent the evasion of payment of toll practised by buses starting from both the sides by breaking services on either side of the toll-gate and trans-shipping passengers and goods from one bus to another.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): With reference to the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*), may I know whether tax is being collected for the vehicles from the inhabitants of Thrikkakara and Edappalli?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): When the vehicles pass through the gate, they have to pay the toll.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): In the answer to part (*c*), Government have stated the reason for establishing a special toll-gate and in answer to part (*b*) also it is stated that the intention is to tax the vehicles coming from Cochin. My question is, whether tax is being collected for the vehicles from the inhabitants of the place.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): When vehicles go through one gate they have to pay toll but when they go through a linked gate they have not to pay again.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether there is enough of traffic along the junction road where the sub-toll-gate is opened except certain agricultural produce removed by the villagers?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information.

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